

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF
JOE FRANCO**HON. DAN NEWHOUSE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 2, 2020

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate and honor the distinguished service of my constituent, Joe Franco. Throughout his years, Joe has diligently worked to improve and protect American communities, including ours in Central Washington.

A native of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Joe first served our nation in the United States Navy before his distinguished career in nuclear waste cleanup. He began working at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant at the Department of Energy's field office in 1989. Over the years, he became an experienced operative in federal nuclear energy projects, and in 2006, he brought his talents to Central Washington's Richland Operations Office at the Hanford

Site, where he was ultimately named Deputy Manager.

During his service as a federal employee, Joe's work was crucial to our nation's ongoing nuclear cleanup efforts. He is an example of the country's best and brightest minds hard at work advancing the Department of Energy's mission to protect our environment and strengthen our national security.

On behalf of Central Washington, I salute Joe for his significant contributions to the greater Tri-Cities community and to the United States.

HONORING KENNETH ROBINETTE**HON. DAN BISHOP**

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Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Kenneth Robinette, longtime Chairman of the Rich-

mond County Board or Commissioners. Chairman Robinette is retiring after 23 years or service.

Kenneth was raised in Spartanburg, South Carolina and after graduating from Newberry College, moved to Richmond County, North Carolina. Of his extensive tenure on the county commission, 21 years were spent as the chairman. Kenneth served his community with integrity and helped it grow through economic development initiatives. He was deeply involved with the development of retail establishments including Dollar General, Advance Auto Parts, and many others. Kenneth also played a pivotal role in the development of residential communities at National Golf Club, McLendon Hills, and Mid-South Club.

Kenneth has devoted his life to public service and has helped his community continue to grow through his selfless acts of service. Thanks to his leadership, Richmond County is a better place to live.

It is an honor to celebrate Kenneth Robinette today.